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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 3618

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: KU, UK, MASS  
SUBJ: KUWAIT PURCHASE OF CHIEFTAN TANKS

REF: (A) USDAO CAIRO 271407Z JUL 76, (B) KUWAIT 0656

1. EMBASSY LEARNED RECENTLY THAT KUWAIT GOVERNMENT HAS PURCHASED  
165 BRITISH CHIEFTAN TANKS RATHER THAN 160, AS REPORTED  
BOTH REFERENCES. FIRST TANK DELIVERIES SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER  
1976. TOTAL BRITISH ADVISORY PERSONEL IN KUWAIT, SECONDED TO  
KUWAITI MOD, TO BE INCREASED FROM ABOUT 120 TO ABOUT 150 IN CONNEC-  
TION WITH CHIEFTAN ACQUISITIONS.  
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